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Mishicot Congregation to Mark Centennial Sunday

Centennial of the founding of the St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church at Mishicot will be observed Sunday at special services, a confirmation reunion and a dinner.

The Rev. David Worgull, pastor, there since 1958, said the services and the dinner are open to the public.

A special centennial booklet has been compiled for the occasion and will be available Sunday.

Two morning services, one at 9 o'clock and the second at 10:30 a.m. are scheduled for Sunday. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Edward Zell of Detroit, Mich., a son of the congregation. His brother, Prof. William Zell of Northwestern College at Watertown, will be the speaker at the confirmation reunion service at 3 p.m. Sunday. Their father, the late Rev. Edward Zell, was pastor of the church for 47 years until his death in 1958. Their mother resides in the village of Mishicot and their sister, Miss Alice Zell, has been director of the Mixed Choir since 1933.

Another son of the congregation the Rev. Kenneth Vertz of Owosso, Mich., will preach at the Christian Education service at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 17.

The centennial dinner this Sunday will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Levenhagen's Hall at Mishicot.

Present Membership

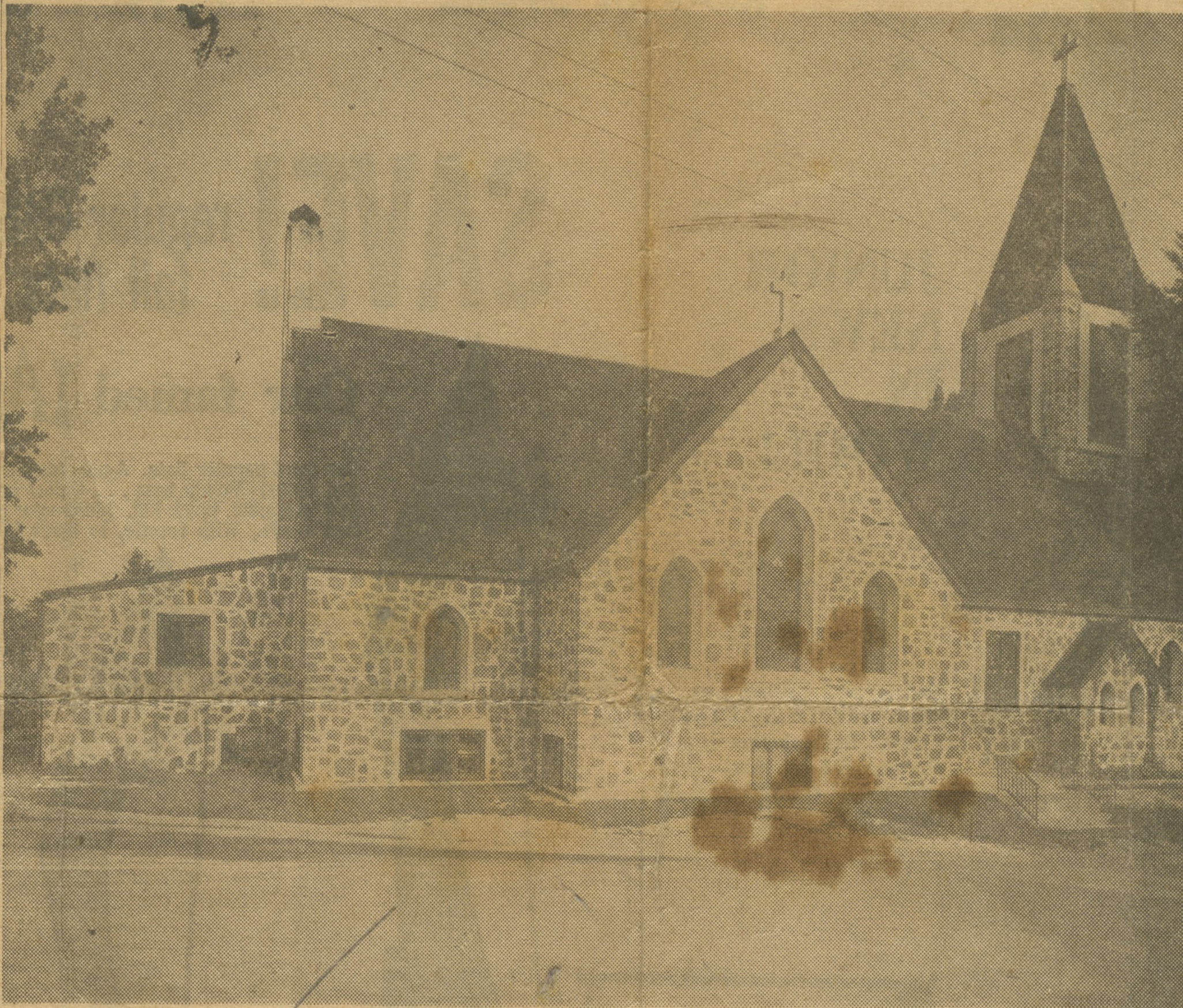
Membership of the St. Peter congregation this centennial year consists of 485 souls, 345 communicants and 90 Sunday School children. In addition to the Mixed Choir, church organizations are the Ladies Choir directed by Mrs. Worgull, the Young People's Bible Class organized in 1958; the Adult Bible Class, started in 1961; and the Ladies Bible Hour, organized in 1933.

Serving on the Church Council at the present time are Chester Schultz, Harold Stuhr, Oscar Stueck, Frederick Benthien, Donald Meineke and Adolph Kunz.

Members of the Centennial Committee are Hugo Holst, Francis Vanderlogt, Arthur Meissner, Emil Schleis Jr., Ralph Schmidt, William Thielbar, Hugo Ploeckelman, Gordon Levenhagen, Wilmer Meissner, Oscar Barthels and Dale Meineke.

Organists are Mrs. Patrick Scheuer, Mrs. William Hauck, Mrs. Clarence Emond, Mrs. Edward Zell and Miss Alice Zell.

Pictures of the council, the committee and the organists are included in the centennial booklet along with pictures of resident pastors, pictures of the first frame church and the present



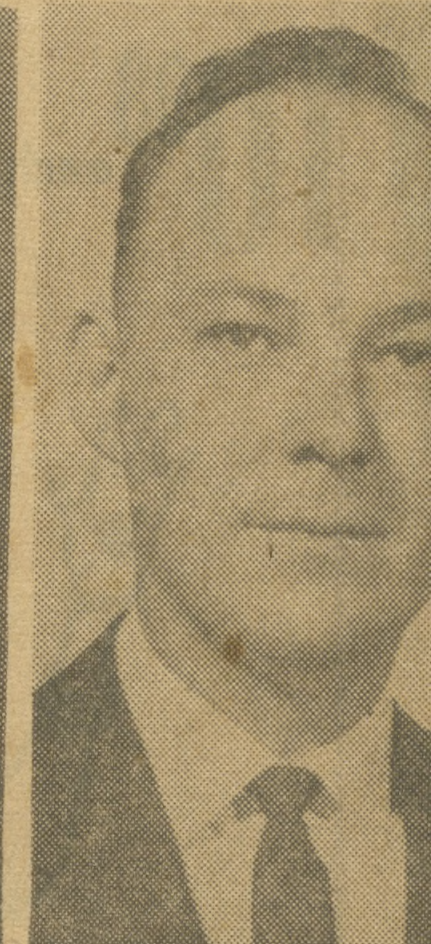
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1902-1907



Rev. E. Ph. Dornfeld
1908-1911



Rev. Edward Zell
1911-1958



Rev. David Worgull
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New Church

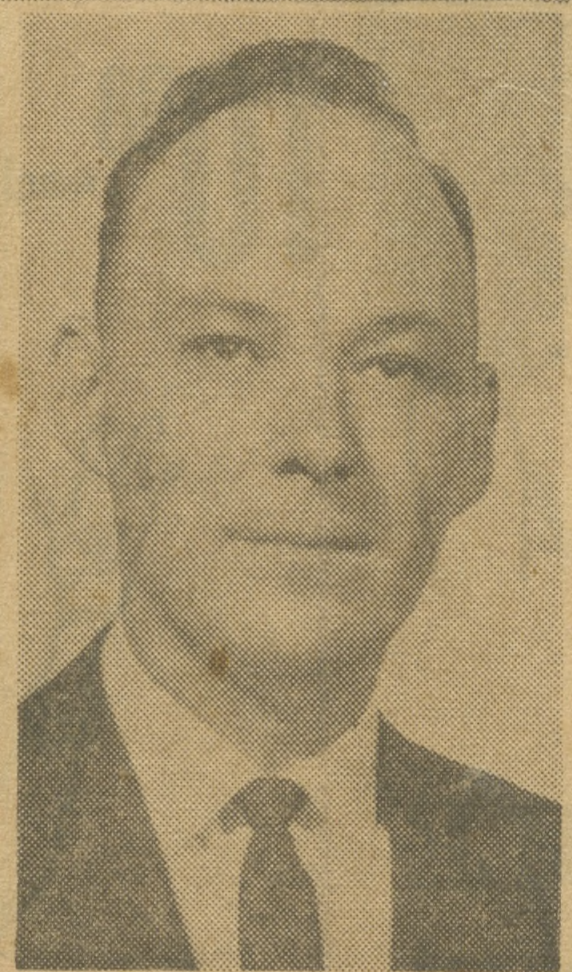
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CENTENNIAL IS SUNDAY — The centennial of the founding of the St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church at Mishicot, will be observed at services at 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday with two sons of the congregation, the Rev. Edward Zell and Prof. William Zell, as guest

speakers. There will be a centennial dinner open to the public, served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Levenhagen's Hall, Mishicot. The present stone church, shown here, was dedicated in 1927. (Photos by staff photographer)



Rev. David Worgull
1958-

mittee and the organists are included in the centennial booklet along with pictures of resident pastors, pictures of the first frame church and the present stone structure, group pictures of the Sunday School teachers, the children's Sunday School classes, the choirs, the Ladies Bible Hour, and two group pictures taken on the 60th and 70th anniversaries.

Circuit Riders

The beginning of this congregation followed a familiar pattern. In the middle of the 19th Century preachers were circuit riders sent out to preach in a wide area. Their aim was to establish congregations which eventually would have their own churches and resident pastors.

Thus it came about that on May 20, 1861, a group of dedicated Christians organized St. Peter congregation in the township of Mishicot. The following names are recorded as the committee for organizing: John Bahls, Louis Barthels, Friedrich Drews, Friedrich Georg, A. Jens, Friedrich Schriever, Claus Schweim, John Sievert and Carl Wilsmann.

The first church services were conducted in a schoolhouse located on cemetery hill across from the former Siebold's Mill. Pastor Goldammer of Manitowoc, a pioneer preacher of the Wisconsin Synod, served the small congregation which has been a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod from its beginning.

During the greater part of its first 39 years the congregation did not have its own pastor and was served by ministers from Two Rivers. However after 13 years the congregation had grown sufficiently to provide Pastor Frankenstein with a place to live. His house was also used as a school for Christian instructions preceding confirmation. When Pastor Frankenstein left Mishicot the church was again served by pastors of other congregations. Pastor Jaeger served St. Peter Church from 1874 to 1881.

In 1875 the congregation built its first church building which served

building was erected. Until 1902 pastors from St. John Church at Two Rivers served at Mishicot including the Rev. John Ph. Koehler who later became the director of a seminary at Wauwatosa.

1902 was the year when the Mishicot and Rockwood Lutheran congregations combined to form one parish to be served by a resident pastor. The present parsonage was built at Mishicot and continues to serve as the pastor's home.

Resident Pastor

The first resident pastor in 1902 was the Rev. Gustav Vater. He left Mishicot in 1907 and died in 1953.

The Rev. E. Ph. Dornfeld served St. Peter Church from 1908 to 1911 when he accepted a call to succeed his father as pastor of St. Marcus Church at Milwaukee where he remained for more than 40 years. He is still active in the ministry currently serving the Nathanael Lutheran Church at Milwaukee.

In sharp contrast, the congregation had but one pastor for most of the last 50 years, the late Rev. Edward Zell who served from 1911 to 1958 when the present pastor, the Rev. David Worgull came to Mishicot.

Pastor Zell, a native of Minnesota Junction in Dodge County, Wisconsin, accepted the call to Mishicot following his graduation from the seminary, (then at Wauwatosa) and was installed July 23, 1911. He married the former Alice K. Jindra, a member of the congregation and one of the organists, in 1912. It was also in 1912 that the Norwegian congregation at Jambo Creek, town of Gibson, called Pastor Zell to serve them, which he did until the church was disbanded in 1949.

The school term was changed from six to eight months in 1914. The curriculum consisted primarily of religious instruction for seventh and eighth graders with a few secular studies. The school was continued a few years later building was saved for ed until 1925 when it

for the new church building.

New Church

The decision to build a new church came in 1925 and construction began that same year. The granite stone was quarried at Red Granite and shipped by rail to Francis Creek. Church members then brought it to Mishicot by wagon.

Architect of the cross-shaped church was the late Karl Koehler, a former professor at Northwestern College at Watertown. Cost of the structure was about \$30,000, and it was dedicated in 1927.

Improvements have been made through the years including purchase of additional land for a parking lot in 1942, remodeling of the kitchen in the parsonage, new sidewalks, and a black driveway. A new electronic organ was purchased in 1955.

Pastor Zell preached his last sermon Jan. 26, 1958. In failing health, he entered the hospital Feb. 1 and died Feb. 28. During his 47 years at the church Pastor Zell officiated at 648 baptisms, 579 were confirmed, there were 211 marriages and 246 burials.

Three months later Pastor Worgull was installed as pastor of St. Peter Church and the Rockwood Church. He formerly was a missionary to the Apache Indians in the Cibecue, Ariz., field and was pastor of St. Paul Church at Napier, Nebr.

Projects in the last three years have included changing the pastor's study, starting a vacation Bible School, construction of a new garage, a landscaping project and erection of an outdoor bulletin board with Memorial monies.

This spring the congregation purchased four acres of land north of the church providing space for a Christian Day School. Offerings from the centennial services will be used to start a Christian Day School Fund.

Old favorite and still good: Beat almost-set raspberry-flavored gelatin (made according to package directions) until fluffy and fold in sliced bananas; chill until set.